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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A system capable of running presentation software, comprising:
 - a computer, including a processor that generates screens;
 - a cursor control device, fixably connected to the computer and operably connected to the processor, that controls the movement of a cursor;
 - a display that displays the cursor and the screens generated by the processor;
 - a receiver system, operably connected to the processor, that receives wireless communication of commands and transfers the received commands to the processor;
 - a removable input/output (I/O) device, removably connected to the computer, that is inoperable when connected to the computer and is operable when removed from the computer and functions as a remote control for wirelessly communicating commands to the processor through the receiver system; and
 - a connector that detects removal of the removable I/O device and triggers the processor to automatically configure external video outputs and interval display modes.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a dedicated opening for the removable I/O device, wherein the removable I/O device when not in use is inserted into the dedicated opening in the computer.
3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the computer includes one or more Personal Computer (PC) card slots and the removable I/O device when not in use is inserted into one of the one or more PC card slots.

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4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the computer includes one or more peripheral device slots and the removable I/O device when not in use is inserted into one of the one or more peripheral device slots.
5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the removable I/O device further comprises a laser pointer.
6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the removable I/O device further comprises an insertion/ejection aid that uses a push-push latching and ejecting mechanism to securely store the removable I/O device.
7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the removable I/O device further comprises a plurality of control buttons including one or more of a sequence button, a select button, a cursor control button, a laser pointer control button, and user programmable keys.
8. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the user programmable keys controls one or more of the display, a presentation screen, room lights, an electronic projector, and an external multimedia source.
9. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the computer comprises a main circuit board and the receiver system is connected to the main circuit board.
10. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the computer includes one or more PC card slots and the receiver system is a PC card that is inserted into one of the one or more PC card slots in the computer, and the removable I/O device is removably connected to the PC card.
11. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the removable I/O device further comprises an I/O device display, and the removable I/O device receives wireless communication of commands from the processor through the receiver system and displays corresponding messages on the I/O device display.

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12. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the removable I/O device uses different colored indicator lights to convey the corresponding messages.

13. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the removable I/O device is a ring or a finger tip thimble that can be worn on an index finger or a thumb, wherein the ring or the thimble comprises control buttons that are designed and located to be depressed by a thumb or other non-thumb fingers.

14. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the wireless communication commands are radio frequency (RF) signals.

15. (Currently amended) An apparatus for remotely controlling a computer having a processor, comprising:

a receiver system, operably connected to the processor of the computer, that receives wireless communication of commands and transfers the received commands to the processor;

a removable I/O device, removably connected to the computer, that is inoperable when connected to the computer and is operable when removed from the computer and functions as a remote control for wirelessly communicating commands to the processor through the receiver system;

one or more PC card slots, wherein the removable I/O device when not in use is inserted into one of the one or more PC card slots; and

means for detecting removal of the removable I/O device and for triggering the processor to automatically configure external video outputs and interval display modes.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the receiver system is a PC card that is inserted into one of the one or more PC card slots in the computer, and the removable I/O device is removably connected to the PC card.

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21. (New) A system, comprising:
a computer having a processor;
a receiver system coupled to the processor; and
an input/output (I/O) device, removably connected to the computer, said
I/O device is inoperable when connected to the computer and is
operable when removed from the computer and functions as a
remote control for wirelessly communicating commands to the
processor through the receiver system.
22. (New) The system of claim 21 wherein the I/O device comprises one or
more independently reconfigurable control buttons.
23. (New) The system of claim 21 wherein each control button may be
configured so that, when pressed, an action is performed, and wherein the action
comprises at least one function selected from the group consisting of:
displaying a next screen generated by the processor;
displaying a previous screen generated by the processor;
displaying a blank test pattern screen generated by the processor;
displaying a time screen generated by the processor;
displaying a presentation title screen generate by the processor;;
activating a laser pointer light;
controlling lights of a room;
controlling an electronic projector; and
controlling an external multimedia source.
24. (New) The system of claim 21 wherein the I/O device further comprises a
display, the display may perform at least one function selected from group
consisting of:
displaying a time associated with a presentation;
displaying a light associated with a predetermined time limit for a
presentation.

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25. (New) A method, comprising:
- activating a signal of a computer when an input/output (I/O) device is disconnected from the computer; and
 - executing a program in response to the activated signal, wherein the program displays information on an output device.
26. (New) The method of claim 25 further comprising automatically performing one or more actions in response to the activated signal, wherein the actions are selected from the group consisting of:
- activating a wireless receiver system of the computer;
 - configuring an internal display mode of the computer; and
 - configuring an external video output of the computer.
27. (New) The method of claim 25 further comprising controlling functions of the presentation program using the disconnected I/O device.
28. (New) The method of claim 25 further comprising activating a second signal when the I/O device is connected to the computer.
29. (New) The method of claim 28 further comprising automatically performing one or more actions in response to the second activated signal, wherein the actions are selected from the group consisting of:
- deactivating a wireless receiver system of the computer;
 - turning off an external presentation device; and
 - shutting down the presentation program.